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PETITION

In the instant petition, applicants request that the papers filed 06 October 2000 be treated as a national stage application of PCT/EP00/05478. Applicants argue that despite not providing the international application number with any of the papers filed on 06 October 2000, “applicants identified the international application by claimed priority date, title of invention and inventors.” Pet. ¶ 3. Applicants also state that they “submitted a copy of the international application as filed.” *Id.*

Further, applicants claim that "[b]y virtue of the claimed priority date, title, inventors and the copy of the international application as filed, it is clear that the papers filed October 6, 2000 demonstrate that the subject application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP00/05478." Id.

A review of the papers filed 06 October 2000 show that the title, priority date, and inventors were listed on the transmittal letter. A copy of the international application was also submitted on 06 October 2000.

Accordingly, the statements above are sufficient to demonstrate that the subject application is a national stage application of PCT/EP00/05478.

### **DECISION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to treat the submission of 06 October 2000 as national stage papers for PCT/EP00/05478 is hereby **GRANTED**.

Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 14 June 2000, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of **06 October 2000**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.



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